

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: C. CONTI et al.

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For: SUGAR WAFERS



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Examiner: L. Tran

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the record of the above-captioned application.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A sugar wafer batter comprising:

(i) a grain component comprising wheat flour and uncooked cereal grits in an amount sufficient to be baked into a crisp wafer; a sugar additive comprising sucrose, a reducing sugar, or a mixture thereof in an amount sufficient to provide a sweet taste to the wafer; and water in an amount sufficient to form a batter; or

(ii) a grain component comprising wheat flour in an amount sufficient to be baked into a crisp wafer; a sugar additive comprising sucrose and a reducing sugar in an amount sufficient to provide a sweet taste to the wafer; and water in an amount sufficient to form a batter;

wherein a sugar wafer obtained by baking batter (i) or (ii) is sufficiently flexible under ambient conditions for more than 40 seconds after baking to enable further processing of the wafer.